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# THE GREAT STATE of MASSACHUSETTS

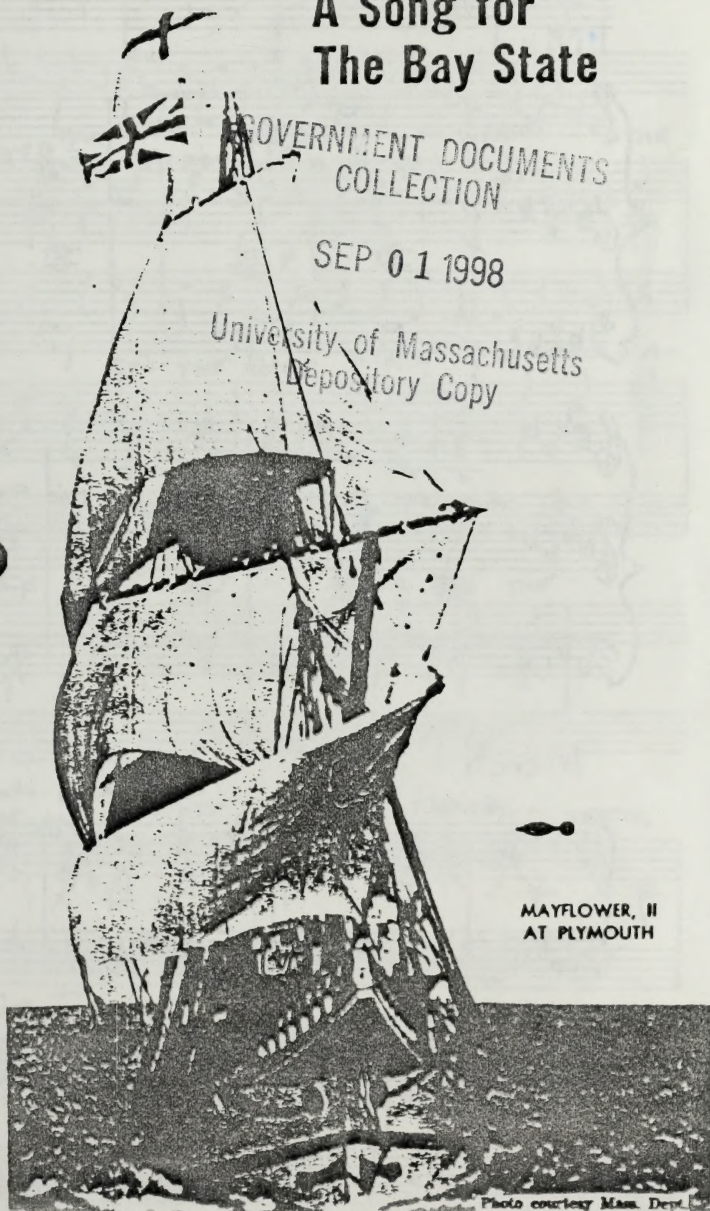
A Song for  
The Bay State

Lyrics by  
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Music by  
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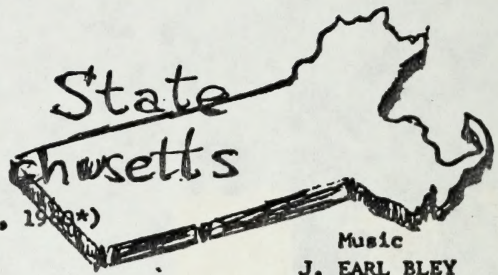
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# The Great State of Massachusetts



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Mod.

Up in a cor-ner of New Eng-land, is the land of BUL RE-ver-e! It's

where the Pa-tri-ots planned for this FREE-dom we hold so DEAR. IT'S THE

March

GREAT STATE of MASS-a-chu-SETTS. HOME-land

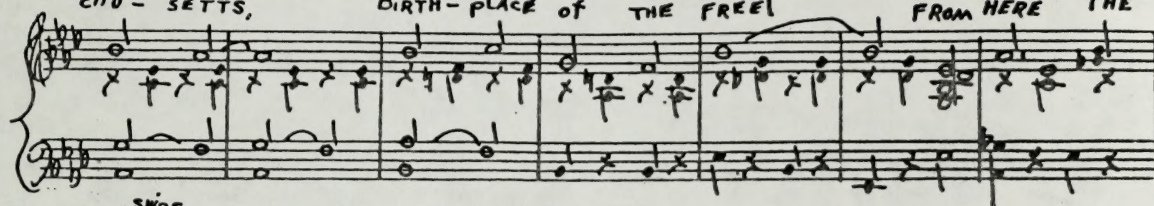
FOR you AND ME! IT'S THE BAY STATE of MASS-A-



chu - SETTS,

BIRTH-PLACE OF THE FREE!

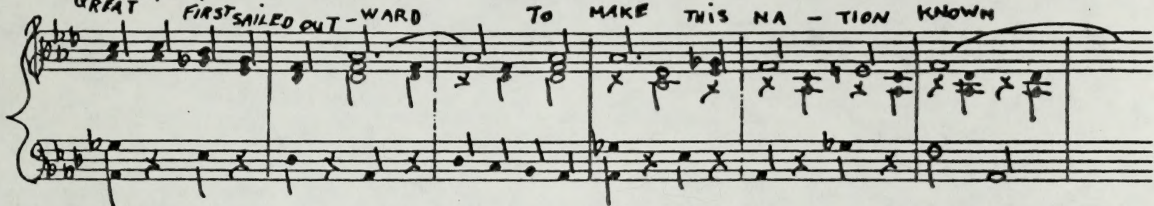
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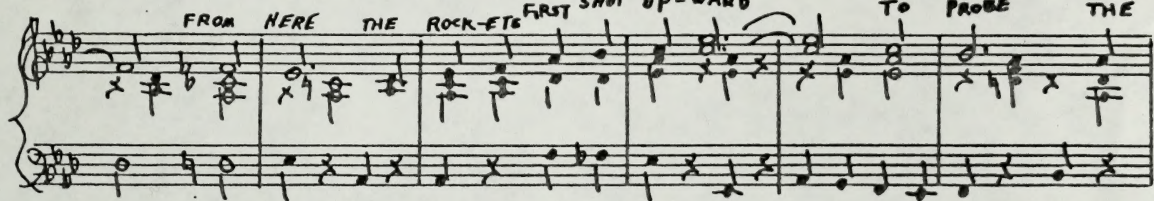
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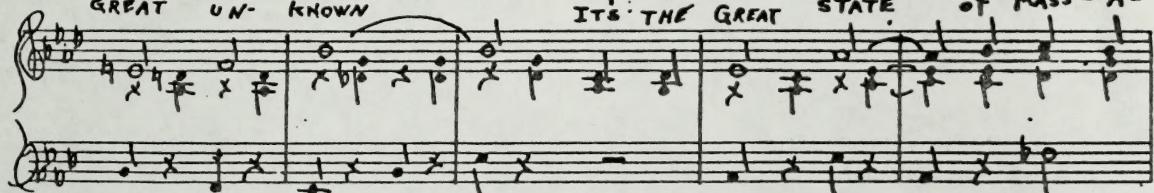
FROM HERE THE ROCK-ETS FIRST SHOT UP-WARD

TO PROBE THE



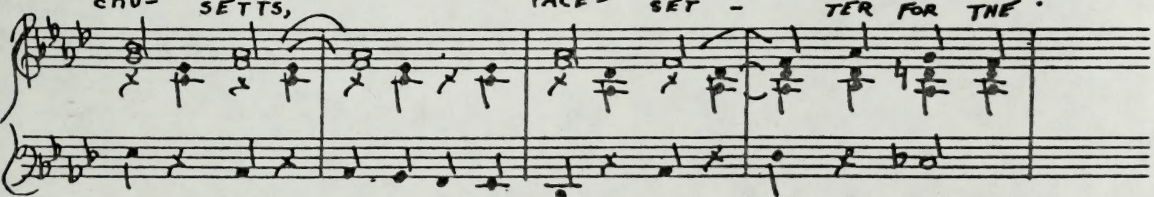
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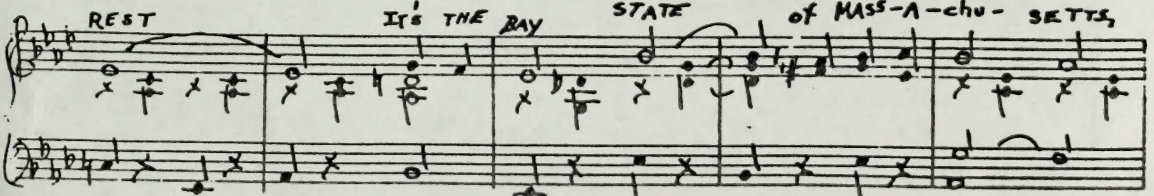


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IT'S THE DAY

STATE

of MASS-A-chu - SETTS,

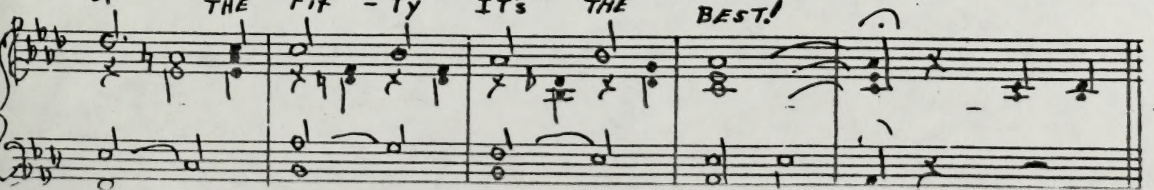


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THE FIF - TY

IT'S THE

BEST!





# MASSACHUSETTS MEANS PROGRESS!

1... Massachusetts is the 8th wealthiest state in the country.

2 Massachusetts is 10th lowest in state taxes. This is good for any state... wonderful for the eighth wealthiest state. Although taxes imposed by cities and towns are among the nation's highest, taxes imposed by the state government are about the same as most other states. When all taxes are taken into consideration on the basis of the percentage of a person's income taken by taxes... 40 states take more taxes than Massachusetts.

3 Massachusetts' highway system is ranked among the five best in the nation.

4 Industry in Massachusetts is expanding each year to the tune of 200 million dollars. For the past three years, business and industry has invested \$200,000,000 each year in new plant construction and expansion.

5 There has been no new tax on business in Massachusetts since 1946.

6 Massachusetts' banking and credit institutions are famed throughout the world as among the best.

7 \$450 million is added each year to Massachusetts' personal income. Each year since 1957 the personal income of Massachusetts residents has increased by \$450,000,000. It is now over \$11 billion... this means more money each year for the purchase of more goods in the most profitable regional market in the U.S.A.

8 There are over 100 communities with active urban revival programs in Massachusetts.

9 Massachusetts' natural and historic attractions make it one of the nation's top vacation areas. From the seashore to the Berkshires, vacationers flock to Massachusetts and spend over 400 million dollars every year.

## MASSACHUSETTS MEANS PROGRESS!

*Our state is a great state in which to live... work... and play! Comparison with the other 49 shows that we have every reason to...*

# BOOST MASSACHUSETTS

## TOPS IN LABOR RELATIONS

Massachusetts leads the nation in good labor relations in the industrial states. For the past 10 years, Massachusetts has had or shared the number one spot for the fewest man hours lost during industrial disputes... and this with the highest degree of skilled labor in the country.

## About This Song:

THE AUTHORS: George A. Wells has been often called the Bay State's "Number One Booster." A City Councillor in Worcester, he is also the Assistant Commissioner of Commerce for Massachusetts and has helped spark the "Boost Massachusetts" drive and similar efforts to help his State. Wells has long felt that his native Commonwealth needed a song of its very own.

Returning from a national convention in Los Angeles, he wrote the lyrics and, upon his arrival back home, sought someone to produce the music. That someone was J. Earl Bley, for many years identified with good music. Bley is the Director of the famed Worcester Brigade Band and, like Wells, loves Massachusetts and wants to see her properly recognized.